

New York, 15 Oct., 1861.

My Dear Garrison,

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Having detected myself  
lately in the carelessness of sending  
~~letters~~ one or two letters to the post  
office without having affixed the  
necessary stamp, I am at this mo-  
ment a little nervous ~~but~~ from an  
apprehension that I may have made  
the same mistake with a letter  
I wrote to you on Saturday, & to  
which I hoped to get an answer  
this morning. Reflection, to be sure,  
suggests ~~that~~ the probability that  
you, for some reason, were not  
prepared to answer as soon;  
but as the other supposition may  
possibly be true, I will now  
repeat the substance of what  
I wrote on Saturday.

The Pa. meeting is to be held  
on Thursday and Friday of next  
week (24th & 25th) at West Chester.  
I suggested that you come  
to New York as early as Satur-  
day next, and stay with ~~us~~<sup>us</sup>  
till Wednesday p. m., when  
we would accompany you  
to Phil. I suppose Joseph  
Dugdale has expressed a wish  
that you would spend the  
Sunday next following the meeting  
at Longwood, and that would  
suit M. A. and me well,  
for we would go there with  
you, and show you our  
little farm - the spot we have  
selected for our home when  
I retire from the Standard.

If you, for any reason, prefer  
to be with us on the second  
Sunday (Nov. 3) after the meeting,  
and a few days before or after,  
all very well; though for  
some reasons we should a  
little prefer to see you next  
Sunday. The fact is, I mean  
to have a social gathering while  
you are here, and as some  
of the parties to be invited live  
out of town & others at a  
considerable distance, and  
all are persons of many en-  
gagements, I wanted to give them  
the notice. ~~not too short~~ However,  
I dare say there is no need of  
this letter - that the others reached  
you promptly, and that your

answer will come to-morrow.  
But this will do no harm, <sup>at any rate</sup> while  
it will correct my mistake, if  
I made one, in mailing the  
letter.

Mary Anne came home  
on Saturday from Newburgh, where  
she went to obtain medical  
advice. Her symptoms are fa-  
vorable now, & I look for her  
speedy recovery from the state  
of weakness, not of positive ill-  
ness, in which she has been  
for some time past.

We shall be glad if Mrs.  
Garrison can come with you,  
for we can keep you both as  
well as one, & so far from feeling  
it any burden, would enjoy your  
visit all the more.

Yours, ever,  
Johnson.

G. J. N. Y. Oct. 15, 1861